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# MANIA™ Magazin

Special Holiday Edition  
Members Only Offer Inside!!

LEGO  
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HITS THE  
HOLIDAYS!!

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!



# UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

## The Royal King

**Favorite game:** Chess  
**Favorite food:** Oatmeal Pudding  
**Favorite Movie:** Robin Hood  
**Favorite Headgear:** His Shiny Crown



The royal ruler enjoys bombing around in his carriage and practicing his swordplay.

What does he like best about modern times?

Snowboarding and TV. "There's a great mountain near Rudolph, Wisconsin, where you can grab some serious air and do extreme 'boarding tricks," says the king.

The king especially likes watching Castle Improvement on TV. "Not many people know how to fix a trapdoor like Hal and Jim," he says.

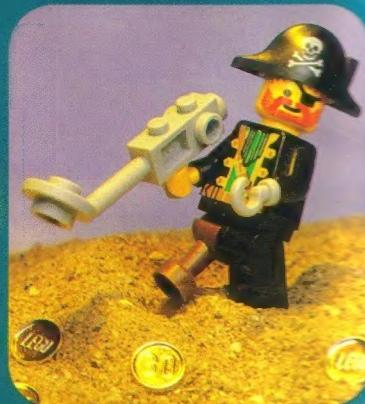
Captain Redbeard's friends include a monkey named Coco and a parrot named Squawks. He keeps busy by changing the entrance to his secret hideout. "How can you have a secret entrance when that blasted parrot won't keep his beak shut?"

To relax, Captain Redbeard likes to ski barefoot behind his souped up Renegade Runner. He's working on a barefoot jump he calls the Pirate Plunge.

When visiting the 20th century, he sneaks off to LEGO, West Virginia, with his metal detector and tries to find his favorite hook, which he lost while burying some treasure.

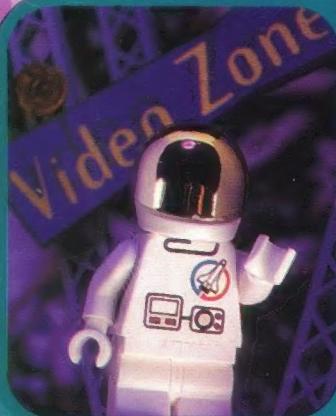
## Captain Redbeard

**Favorite book:** Treasure Island  
**Favorite hobby:** Coin collecting  
**Favorite movie:** Hook  
**Favorite cartoon character:** Yosemite Sam



## Becky Blasthoff

**Favorite food:** Freeze dried ice cream  
**Favorite TV Show:** Star Trek Voyager  
**Favorite hobby:** Stargazing  
**Favorite Vehicle:** Moon Dune Buggy

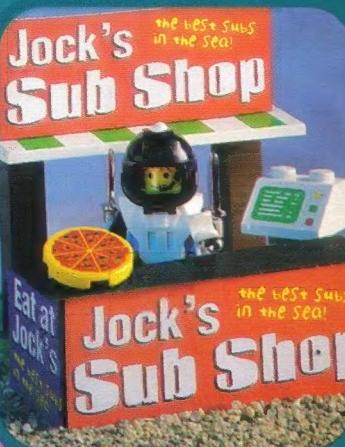


It's all systems go for this gung ho astronaut. What does Becky like best about being in space? "Zero gravity," she says. "I just have to remember to keep my arms tucked in when I sleep. Otherwise they float up and hit me in the face, waking me up."

Back on earth, Becky goes home to Evergreen, Alabama, where she's the champion "grabber" game player at the video arcade. "After plucking satellites out of space with the shuttle's 'Canadian arm,' I can grab one of those stuffed animals with my eyes closed."

When Jock isn't harvesting hydrolator crystals with the Neptune Discovery Lab's crane, he's running a chain of underwater sub shops that feature kelp burgers, seaweed salad, and plankton pizza.

His favorite sport is octopus wrestling, but he hasn't won yet. "In my last match in Snowflake, Arizona, even with two arms tied behind its back, I still couldn't beat that critter," Jock says. But for Jock, nothing beats strapping on his oxygen tank, fins, and mask and cruising colorful coral reefs.



## Jock Clouseau

**Favorite food:** Kelp burgers  
**Favorite TV show:** SeaQuest  
**Favorite movie:** Jaws VI: Return of the Aquasharks  
**Favorite song:** Under the Sea



Check out page 16 for the contest!



Maniacs, scope out this page carefully! It's packed with groovy details about your favorite LEGO celebrities and clues to help you solve the mysterious contest on the back page!

# Maniac

## Mail Bag



Send your stories & ideas to:  
LEGO Club, P.O. Box 1308  
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

## Holiday Magic Brings LEGO Figures to Life!

Enfield, CT- The Holiday season is the most magical time of the year. Magical and mysterious things happen all over the world. Right here at MANIA MAGAZINE, we've been getting reports of LEGO figures coming to life. Just check out these strange but true stories. The figures have even taken over the magazine.



**MANIAC DISCOVERS BIG FOOT BUILDING A SHUTTLE!**

More strange but true stories on pages 5, 6 & 7!  
(OK, they're not completely true, but they are strange)



Check out the centerfold for members only special offer!

# "MAJISTO, A DROID?"

by: Beau Christian Hesterberg of Texas

One day the King heard rumors about a Dragon attacking villagers near his castle. The reports said that the attacks came from a fire breathing fortress atop a cliff. So the King took his sword Excaliber, and scaled the cliff. He wondered, "How does Majisto control the Dragon? I don't believe in sorcery."

Soon the King was at the top of the cliff. There he saw Majisto! "Majisto," the King called, "your dragon days are over!" Majisto waved his wand, and the Dragon lunged. The King swung his sword Excaliber. The Dragon leaped back. The King grabbed Majisto and shook him. Majisto's clothes and skin ripped off. Majisto was a man!

The King shook his wand, and it sent radio signals. The Dragon lunged again. The King ducked in between the Dragon's legs, and crawled up his back. The King saw something in the Dragon's ear. He took it out. Suddenly the Dragon turned upon the King and destroyed it. Turning to the King, he said, "Thank you. That evil robot put the ear phones in my ear and drove me crazy. Is there any way I can repay you?" The King replied, "Can you take me back to my castle? It's a long hike." **THE END**

Wow! Pretty intense story, Beau! We can't wait for the sequel.



# Cool Creations

# AQUAPUS



Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send in your original model-making instructions to:

LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"  
P.O. Box 1308, Enfield, CT 06083.

Club members featured will receive  
a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value!).



You can build your own "Aquapus" with pieces found in #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub, #6155 Deep Sea Predator, or with the pieces from your own collection!

Richard Noone, age 8, of Arizona sent us his great idea for the high-speed, multi-armed, crystal seeking Aquapus



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# LEGO Inquirer

For Inquiring Maniacs

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Snowflake, AZ • ▶  
Ten-year-old George Bailey watched in amazement as his Neptune Discovery Lab swung into operation in the boy's bath. "I was just putting my foot in the water to see how hot it was when an octopus grabbed my toe. Then the lab lit up and the crane started unloading hydrolator crystals from the Crystal Explorer Sub," explained George.

George ran to get his mother and brother Harry, but when they went into the bathroom, there was nothing unusual happening in the tub. Then, when George climbed into the tub, the lab started up again. "It was real cool looking. The crystals were glowing, the motors humming and then an Aquanaut popped up through the bubbles and winked at me," George said.

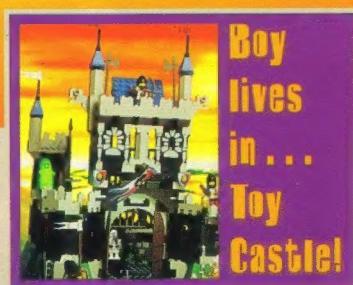
EXCLUSIVE Feature Story

## AQUANAUTS SURFACE IN TUB'S SUDS!



Town Decorated  
by ELVES from  
**SPACE!**

See Pg. 6  
for MORE!



Boy  
lives  
in...  
Toy  
Castle!



# Maniacs want to know

## TOWN DECORATED BY ELVES FROM SPACE?

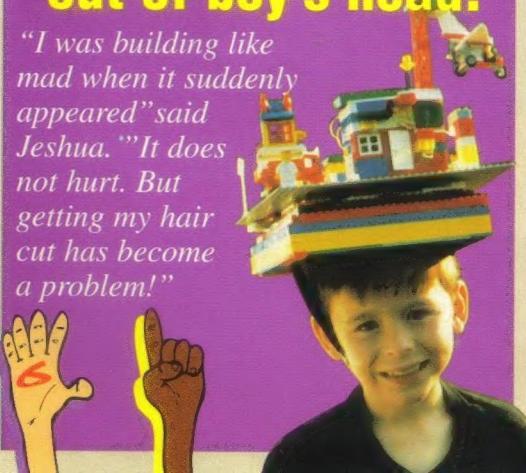
Evergreen, AL • • Over the last 12 nights, trees in Evergreen have been mysteriously decorated. Families who put up trees in the evening woke up to find their trees completely decorated. Left by each tree were small footprints.

Those footprints led people to believe that elves using space ships were the culprits... until now. An eye witness, Cindy Lou Dew, said her LEGO space shuttle decorated her family's tree. Little Cindy Lou got up last night to get a glass of water. She heard a noise and went to investigate. "The shuttle blasted off from the launch pad and zoomed to the top of the tree towing a string of lights. Then the astronauts hung a LEGO ornament on the tree's highest branch with the shuttle's special Canadian Arm,"

Cindy Lou said.

## LEGO village grows out of boy's head!

"I was building like mad when it suddenly appeared" said Jeshua. "It does not hurt. But getting my hair cut has become a problem!"



**Nope! Little Cindy Lou Says Shuttle Nauts Decorated Her Tree!**



## BOY LIVES IN... TOY CASTLE!

Rudolph, WI • • Dan Anderson caused quite a stir in history class when he returned from vacation. Dan came to class wearing a cape, helmet and shield. "I'm training to become a Royal Knight." Dan told his teacher. When Dan said he was living in his LEGO Royal Knights Castle, he was sent to the principal's office.

This is Dan's story: "After I took my present up to my room, the Royal King rode over the drawbridge and said, "Squire Dan, follow me for adventure." So I did. It was weird. At first, I didn't think I'd fit. But when I touched the drawbridge, lights flashed, there was smoke, and, poof, I was inside. It's really cool living in a castle. There are secret passages all over, a ghost hangs out in the tower and there is an awesome catapult. The food's a little weird though. I eat most of the stuff - except for the eels. And the best part is the awesome ride back to my bedroom. I just open a trap door and slide down this slick ramp into my room."

# ... Is it really true?

## Pirates Plunder Prize Presents!

LEGO, WV • All over the world, holiday gifts have been disappearing. At the same time, large piles of sand have mysteriously appeared on Skull Island. Coincidence? "I think not," says King Kahuka. "I know for a fact that the pirates have been heisting holiday treasures and hiding them on Skull Island," he said. "They already filled up their secret cave with the big stuff like bikes and catamarans," the Islander King added.



King Kahuka screams "Stop Thief!"



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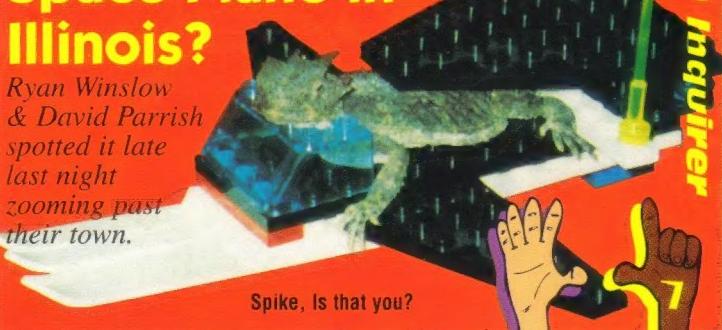


When told about King Kahuka's comments, Captain Red Beard replied, "The king is just mad because he didn't get the new red catamaran with the shields, spears and drum that he asked for. We have that...I mean, oh, you wanted to know about the, ah, sand piles. Well, the crew and I are just building a giant sand castle so we can get in the Guinness Book of Records."



## Lizard seen driving Space Plane in Illinois?

Ryan Winslow & David Parrish spotted it late last night zooming past their town.



Spike, is that you?

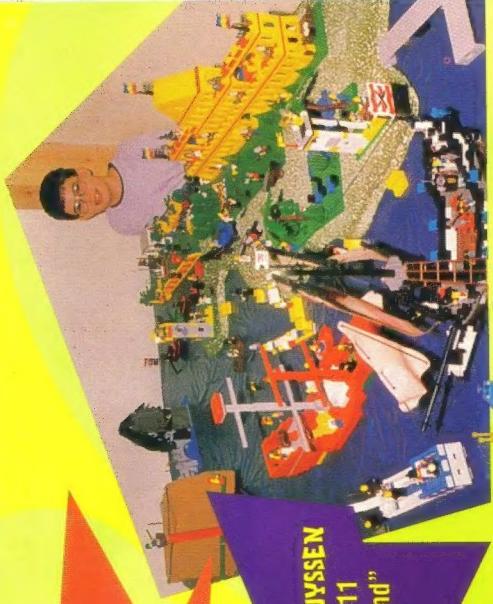
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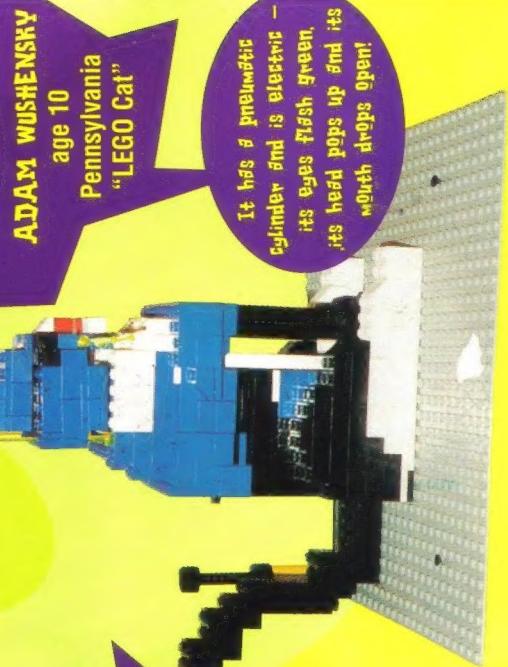
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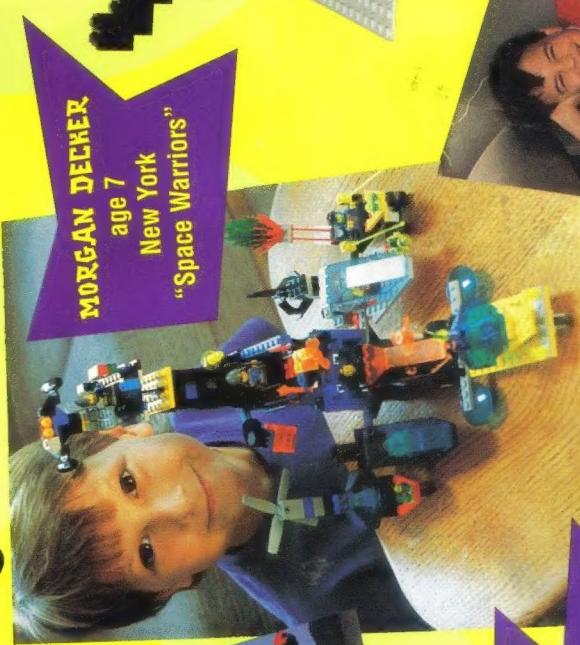
Remember to include  
your name, address, age  
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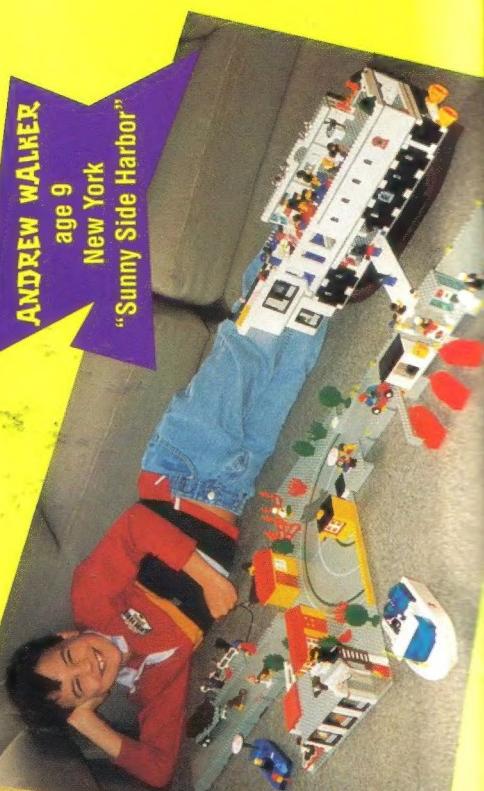
TROY HUYSSEN  
age 11  
"Island"



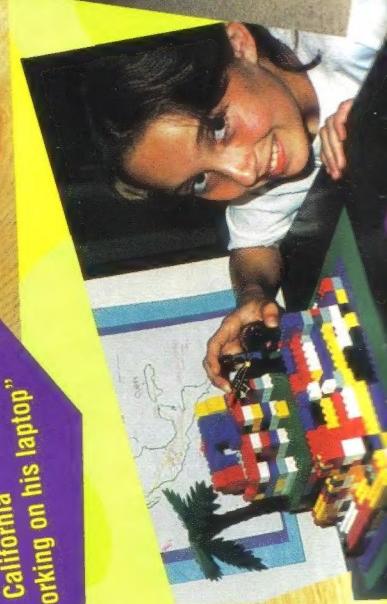
ADAM WUSHENSKY  
age 10  
Pennsylvania  
"LEGO Cat"



MORGAN DECKER  
age 7  
New York  
"Space Warriors"



ANDREW WALKER  
age 9  
New York  
"Sunny Side Harbor"



ROSS LEVIN  
age 10  
California  
"Robot working on his laptop"

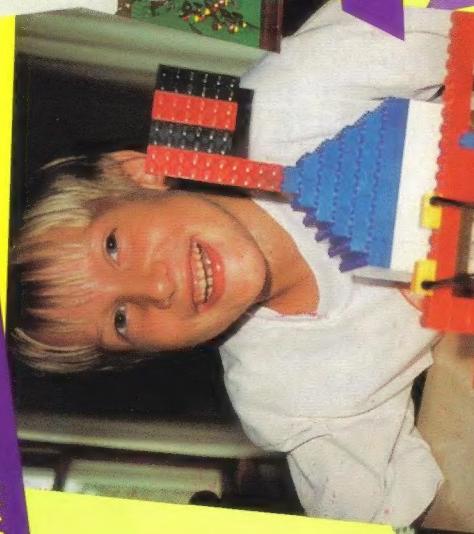


HARRY CARINO  
age 31  
Delaware  
"Dragon King Sea Fortress"

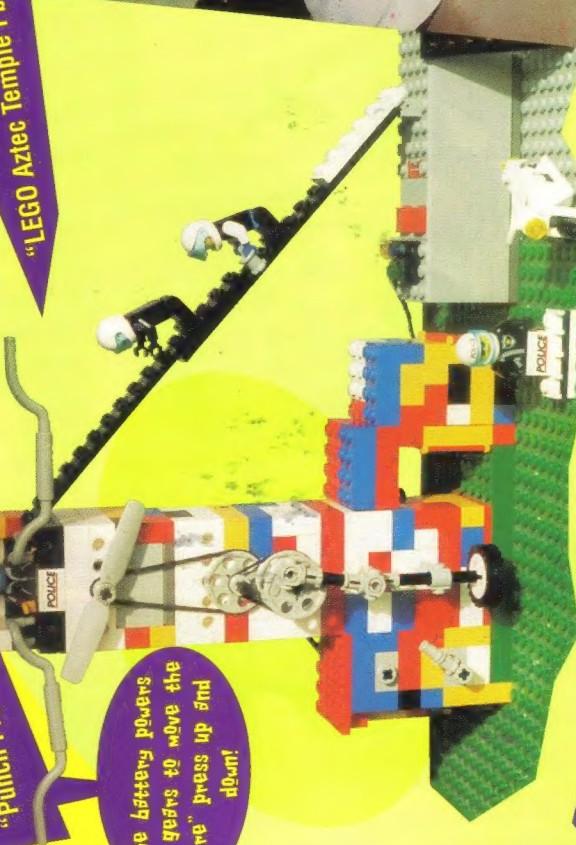


### LEGO

**ELIZABETH SHINGLETON**  
age 11  
Georgia  
"LEGO Aztec Temple I built for a history project"

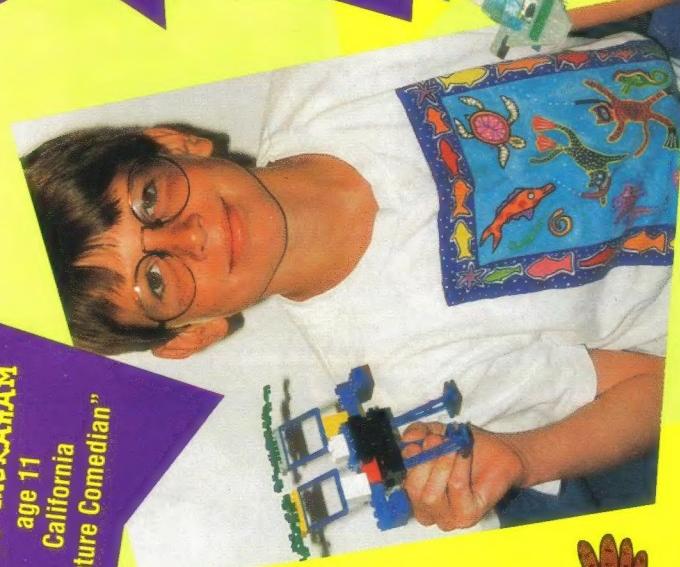


**ANDREW HEYSER**  
age 7  
Illinois  
"Punch Press"



The battery powers the gears to move the "punch" press up and down!

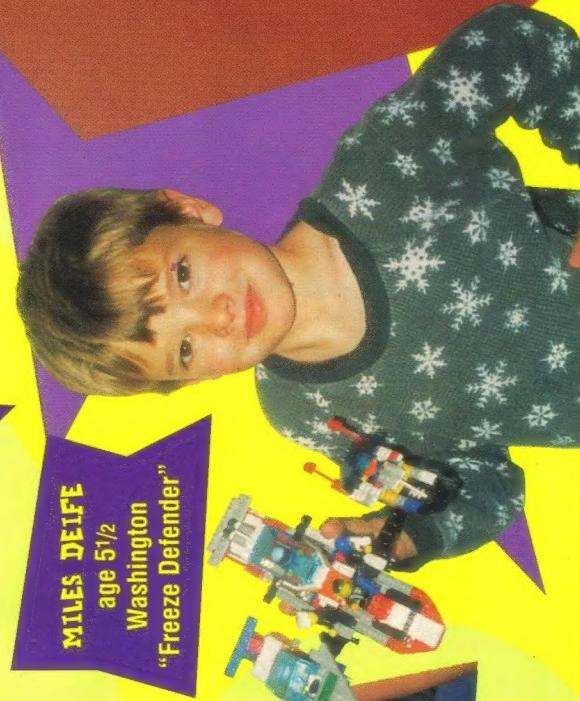
**WESLEY INGRAM**  
age 11  
California  
"Future Comedian"



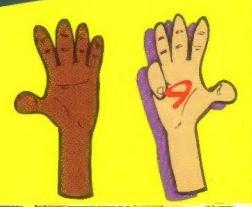
**NICHOLAS SITTER**  
age 7  
Iowa  
"School Yard Fun"

**WEATHER WARNING!**  
A heavy blizzard dumped a ton of snow in LEGO Town. Skiers and sledders should be careful. Loud noises and lots of sledding activity could cause avalanches. The fast moving storm is now headed to the North Pole, where the storm could delay delivery of holiday presents.

**JOHN, JAMES AND TRAVIS BRADEURY**  
ages 9, 8 and 5  
Illinois  
"Castle"



**MILES DELFE**  
age 5 1/2  
Washington  
"Freeze Defender"



# *the* **Adventures** *of the* **LEGO Maniac**

BLAST OFF!

SHIPS  
AHoy!

EXCELSIOR!

ACCORDING TO  
THIS WEATHER  
REPORT, WARM  
AIR COULD CAUSE  
AVALANCHES ON  
THE SLEDDING  
HILL.

RUMBLE!  
RUMBLE!  
RUMBLE!

YAHOO!!

IS THAT  
YOUR STOMACH  
RUMBLING?

RUMBLE!

DEEP  
SIX'D

HOUSTON,  
WE HAVE A  
PROBLEM.

LOOK  
OUT!

AHOY!

HERE  
COMES AN  
avalanche!

THE SLEDDERS ARE TRAPPED  
IN A CAVE MADE OF SNOW!

HELLO?  
HELLO?

THAT  
WAS GNARLY  
DUDES!

OUCH!



MORE

# COOL CREATIONS

For Kids  
By Kids

Don't wait for  
an avalanche to  
hit before you  
build this high  
powered sledding  
machine.

Hey! Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send in your original model-making instructions to:  
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# The SuperSled

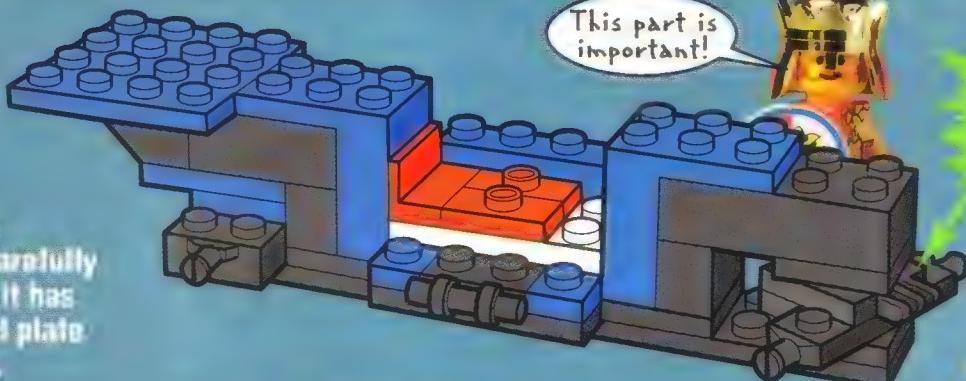
1

Start building the  
chassis with a  
2x12 black plate.  
Be sure to add a  
2x2 swivel plate  
so you can steer  
this groovy rig.



2

Add the axles  
and start building  
the body. Look carefully  
at the front axle. It has  
another 2x2 swivel plate  
on top of the axle.



3

Step on a couple  
of doors so you  
don't fall out.



# 4

Power up your Super Sled with twin, high speed, jet engines.



You'll need "Aqua-Power" on this sled!

# 5

Spruce up the winter dragster with some flames, a flag and shield!

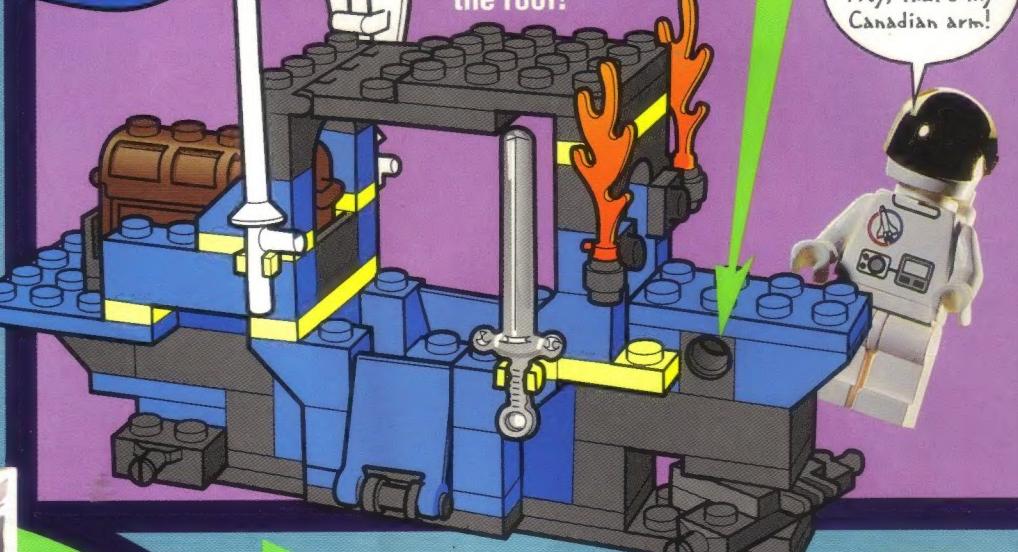


# 6

Add a grabber arm to dig your way out of trouble.



Don't forget the roof!



Hmm?  
That grabber  
looks familiar.  
Hey, that's my  
Canadian arm!

# 7

Thanks to a little cooperation and a LEGO Maniac's imagination, this SUPER SLED is powered up and ready for adventure!



Royally Cool!!!

Wait for me!

Why do I have to sit on the roof?

Attach skis from an Ice Planet set.



## Build-Your-Own

You can build the Super Sled like the LEGO characters in the comic with pieces from sets like #6044 King's Carriage, #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub, #6268 Renegade Runner, or pieces from your own collection.



# TECH TIPS

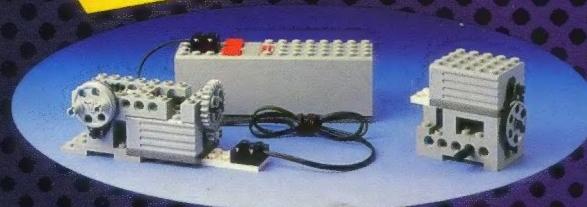
**Hey Maniacs!**  
**Make it Move with**  
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LEGO MANIAC, Eric Bengfort of Texas, says this about his Rebel Wrecker: "I like the suspension best. You can push on it and it bounces just like a real one would."



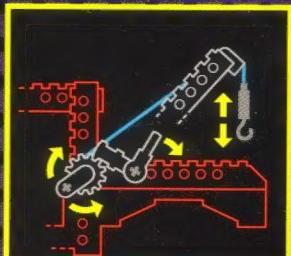
#8858  
Rebel Wrecker



#8720  
Power Pack



Crank the crane  
and give dude  
cars a tow!



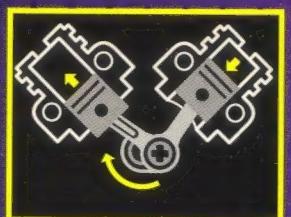
Steer the beast  
with the knob on  
the roof!



Every LEGO  
TECHNIC set  
includes  
instructions to  
build 2 models.

Eric built the  
alternate Dune  
Buggy model!

Power up with 6  
pumping pistons!



Check out the centerfold for Members Only Special Offer!

Drive over  
anything with  
big balloon  
tires!

**The Rebel Wrecker  
has lots of rad  
features!**

# Maniactivities

## SKULLY THE SKELETON'S POPPING UP ALL OVER!

Get out your magnifying glass and Count the number of times you can find Skully in the Castle scene!

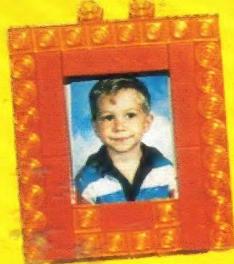
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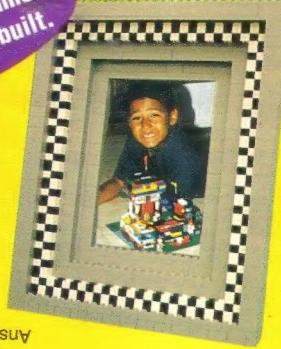
## LEGO PICTURE FRAMES

The holiday Gift You Can Build Yourself!

Stephen and Patrick Martin of New Jersey, sent us this holiday gift idea. You can build a picture frame from pieces in your own LEGO collection. All you need are some plates, a hinge piece for the stand and some special elements for decoration.



Check out the cool frames Stephen and Patrick built.



Hinged pieces can be found in sets #6571 Flame Fighters and #6340 Hook and Ladder

Answer: There are 3 skeletons.

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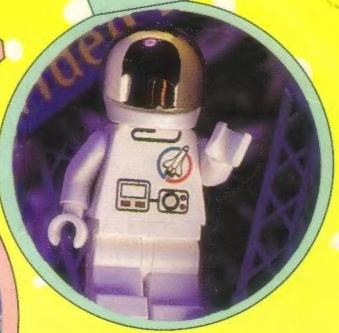
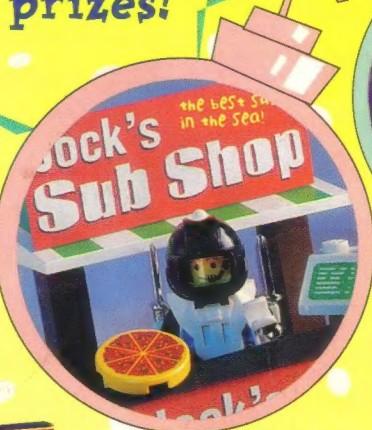
Check out this way awesome offer Maniacs!



Your choice of 3 different LEGO® sets available from Cheerios  
See specially marked Cheerios boxes for mail-in details.

# Who's the Holly Jolly Holiday Helper?

Guess who and you could win holiday prizes!



One LEGO character is helping deliver holiday cheer (and presents) around the world. Is it the Royal King, Captain Red Beard, the Aquanaut, or the Astronaut? Circle the correct LEGO character's name on the entry blank, and you could win a special LEGO holiday gift.

Okay, Sherlocks, use the clues below to identify this holiday helper. Then, whip out your magnifying glass and look at the Up Close & Personal section on page 2 and at the Special Edition Holiday Wish Book.

## CLUES

This LEGO character...

- ...uses a crane to load presents.
- ...has an animal for a best friend.
- ...has a hideout with a secret entrance.
- ...loves barefooting.

The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct Holiday Helper will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value), a LEGO Holiday Ornament and a LEGO Bedding Ensemble.  
Entries must be postmarked by January 27, 1996 and received by January 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail by February 21, 1996. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy.  
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## How to Enter:

Just fill in the contest entry form, cut it out and mail by Jan. 27, 1996 to:

Holly Jolly Holiday Helper Contest  
LEGO MANIA Magazine  
P.O. Box 1625  
Enfield, CT 06083-1625

**The Holly Jolly Holiday Helper is:**  
(Circle your answer)

- A. The Royal King
- B. Captain Red Beard
- C. The Aquanaut
- D. The Astronaut

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